

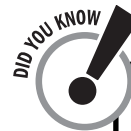
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Theme Analysis: Mob Mentality

A theme is a general concept or idea, such as love, justice, or sorrow. One way to help you think of themes is to complete the following sentence: "This is a book about _____." When the group of men from Old Sarum confronts Atticus at the jail in Chapter 15, they appear to have lost their individual wills and are acting instead with a mob mentality. A mob mentality exists when people in a group give up their independent reasoning and follow the decisions of the group. Most of the time, terrible things result from this unwise course of action. Unfortunately, mob mentalities are not reserved for novels; they often control people in the real world as well.

Directions: In the space below, describe an actual event where a mob of people acted without thinking. You may use newspapers, magazines, or online news sources to gather your information. Be sure to cite your source.



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